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TO AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, SHUM, SW, VN

SUBJECT: AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR

REF: A. STOCKHOLM 0974 (NODIS), B. STATE 070328 (BEING REPEATED), C. COLOMBO 1258 (BEING REPEATED)

1. DIA HAS ANALYZED INFO IN REF A AND CONCLUDES IT CANNOT BE CORRELATED TO ANY U.S. UNACCOUNTED-FOR PERSONNEL LOST IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. IN GENERAL THERE IS NO PREVIOUS INDICATION OF U.S. PRISONERS BEING HELD IN THE AREA APPARENTLY REFERRED TO IN REF A.

2. REFS B AND C SUMMARIZE OUR CURRENT INFO ON THIS SUBJECT. WHILE WE REMAIN OPEN TO POSSIBILITY OF AMERICANS BEING DETAINED IN VIETNAM, OR REMAINING THERE OF THEIR OWN WILL, WE ARE ALSO CONSCIOUS OF EFFORTS BY VIETNAM REFUGEES AND OTHER SOURCES TO PROVIDE INFO ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH TURNS OUT TO BE OF DOUBTFUL AUTHENTICITY. (OBVIOUS MOTIVE FOR

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SUCH REPORTS IS TO STIMULATE CONTINUED USG INTEREST IN VIETNAM, AND IN THE SOURCE, ON THE BASIS OF OUR KNOWN CONCERN ABOUT THE MIA'S.)

3. WE WILL OF COURSE BE INTERESTED IN ANY FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT RECEIVED BY EMBASSY STOCKHOLM, AND APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S INITIATIVE IN FORWARDING THIS TEXT TO

US. AT SAME TIME WE WOULD NOTE THAT THE MESSAGE CONTAINS NO INFORMATION WHICH COULD NOT BE KNOWN OR SURMISED FROM PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE SWEDISH PAPER MILL PROJECT. FOR EXAMPLE, THE LETTER CONTAINS NO SPECIFICS ON LOCATIONS, SUCH AS DIRECTION OR DISTANCE FROM THE PAPER MILL PROJECT, AND NO DETAILS ON THE "AMERICAN WAR PRISONERS," SUCH AS THEIR NUMBER, CLOTHING, PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS, OR EVEN ANY INDICATION ON WHY THEY MIGHT BE "AMERICANS," AS OPPOSED TO OTHER NON-VIETNAMESE. WE WOULD NOTE THERE ARE NOW NUMEROUS EASTERN EUROPEANS, CUBANS, AND OTHER NON-ASIANS IN VIETNAM, WHO WOULD BE PHYSICALLY INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM "AMERICANS." IN OUR EXPERIENCE, REPORTS WHICH FAIL TO PROVIDE SUCH SPECIFICS FREQUENTLY TURN OUT TO BE UNSUB-STANTIATED.

4. WE ALSO NOTE THE OBVIOUS: LETTER IS TYPED AND UNSIGNED; ANDERSON IS A COMMON NAME. WE REMAIN INTERESTED IN ANY FOLLOW UP.

5. SUGGEST OMITTING NODIS DESIGNATOR FROM FURTHER MESSAGES THIS SUBJECT. COOPER

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